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*Amendments*

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*In the Claims:*

Please substitute the following claims 1, 6, and 8 for the pending claims 1, 6, and 8:

sub D1  
B1  
1. (Twice Amended) A method of producing an amino acid selected from the group consisting of L-lysine, L-threonine and L-isoleucine comprising:  
culturing an altered *Corynebacterium glutamicum* cell, wherein said *Corynebacterium glutamicum* cell has a disrupted *pgi* gene, wherein yields of an amino acid selected from the group consisting of L-lysine, L-threonine and L-isoleucine from said altered *Corynebacterium glutamicum* cell having a disrupted *pgi* gene are greater than yields from a *Corynebacterium glutamicum* cell having a non-disrupted *pgi* gene.

B2  
6. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said L-amino acid yields from said altered *Corynebacterium glutamicum* cell having a disrupted *pgi* gene are from about 1% to about 100% greater than from said *Corynebacterium glutamicum* cell having a non-disrupted *pgi* gene.

sub D3  
B3  
8. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said altered *Corynebacterium glutamicum* cell having a disrupted *pgi* gene is produced by  
(a) subcloning an internal region of a *pgi* gene; and

B3 sub B3  
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(b) inserting said resulting vector from step (a) into a *Corynebacterium glutamicum* genome via homologous recombination.

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